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Legal and constitutional history in germany in 2011

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7th–8th September 2011: The conference on the *Revolutions and political crime between the 12th and 19th century. Reactions of legal systems and legal-political discussions* was held. It was inspired by the cooperative research efforts of the *Politische Kommunikation von der Antike bis ins 20. Jahrhundert* doctoral college in Frankfurt and the European History Institute of Max Planck Institute.

14th–15th April 2011: The workshop on *Collectio Thesalonicensis and the bishop's rights* was held, organized by the Ancient History Department of the Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main, in cooperation with the *Law and the civilization of the first millennium* research division of the European Legal History Institute.

16th–18th June 2011: The 3rd Summer Debate on the collective research project on *The regulated self-regulation as viewed from a legal historian's perspective* was held. It focused on self-regulation in western civilizations at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries.

11th–27th July 2011: The *Law, image and area: Visual and legal interpretations* workshop was organized, devoted to the problem of mutual perception, with a focus on perceiving law through symbols and imagery.

12th September 2011: Dr Rafał Mrówczyński held a lecture in the Higher School of Economics in Moscow, devoted to the *Changes in lawyer and solicitor self-regulation in the times of socialism and post-socialism. Poland and Russia – a comparison* [*Wandlungen der Selbstregulierung von Rechtsanwälten und Justitiaren in staatssozialistischer und postsozialistischer Zeit – Polen und Russland im Vergleich*].

24th–25th October 2011: *The Savigny international?* debate was held, devoted to translations of Savigny's work and his influence as detectable in the European countries in general.

15th–16th December 2011: A closed meeting of Ph.D. students participating in the cooperative project on “Jewish Holy Roman Empire” was organized. It focused on: legal and historical aspects and problems of the project. The meeting included subjects such as Jews in the German judiciary, Jewish trade regulations and the formation of ghettos.

Apart from debates, workshops and conferences, the Max Planck European History Institute was also engaged in the following long-time project: “Book printing and the European legal history between 1500 and 1800”. This project aims to catalogue all legal manuscripts created between 1500 and 1800, in order to create a sizeable legal-historical bibliography. It also researches the ways in which legal texts were created and distributed.

Apart from the aforementioned events a series of lectures dedicated to the “Rome and the World” project [“Rom und die Welt”] was held. Planned for the years 2010–2012, the project focuses on researching and analyzing the potential mutual influences and interaction between the Roman curia and the Catholic Europe in the Middle Ages and early modern times.

Recht auschaulich is a blog inspired by a book under the same title, penned by Klaus F. Röhl and Stefan Ulbrich. It features announcements and reports from the most important events related to legal history.

22nd–25th June 2011: The international legal iconographic conference in Tangermünde took place.

3rd–4th December 2011: The international *Imago, Actio, Justitia – Bilder, Körper und Handlungen des Rechts* conference was held at the Visual Arts History Institute in Berlin.

Other:

27th–29th June 2011: The Prince August Library in Wolfenbüttel organized the conference on *Legal manuscripts of the German Middle Ages – places of their creation and ways of their import* [*Rechtshandschriften des deutschen Mittelalters – Produktionsorte und Importwege*]. It was designed to assemble an interdisciplinary team of specialists, with the objective of researching legal manuscripts (with focus on those from Halberstadt) from the point of view of current legal problems. During four thematic sections (*Legal culture of the middle and late medieval period, Transfer and reception, Authors, works and their transmission* and *The media aspect of legal manuscript tradition*) public and private libraries of legal manuscripts, missals and incunabula were presented. The debate focused on the production, distribution and reception of manuscripts in the Middle Ages, with particular attention paid to such subjects as the motivations in creating manuscript collections, their geographic and institutional transfer and the role centres of education played in the transfer process.

Notable publications:

Eichler, Ernst und Heiner Lück publishing house released a book by I. Bily, W. Carls and K. Gönczi, *The Saxon-Magdeburg Law in Poland: Research into the History of the Law and the Legal Language* [*Sächsisch-magdeburgisches Recht in Polen. Untersuchungen zur Geschichte des Rechts und seiner Sprache*].

The 13th and 14th tome of the new edition of the *German Legal History Encyclopaedia* [*Handwörterbuch zur deutschen Rechtsgeschichte*] was published, edited by R. Müller and A. Karg.

Heiner Lück published the illustrated Dresden manuscript of the *Saxon Mirror* [*Sachsenspiegel*].